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CHICAGO — Mayor Richard J. Daley has said under oath that, "to the best of my recollection," he never ordered Chicago police to spy on his political opponents or civil rights or antiwar groups and never saw any police intelligence reports.

The mayor's testimony at a hearing May 1 was made public Thursday.

Responding to questions from lawyers for the Alliance to End Repression, the mayor said he didn't know that Chicago police once had a unit, unofficially called the "Red Squad," which was responsible for monitoring possible subversive activities in Chicago.

Judge Alfred Y. Kirkland of U.S. District Court ordered Daley to sit for the deposition in a suit filed by the alliance, a coalition of community groups interested in civil liberties, and 29 other plaintiffs. The suit contended that Daley was responsible for illegal intelligence activities undertaken by the police department.

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